



BIOGRAPHIES

UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND

James D. Nealon **Civilian Deputy to the Commander,** **Foreign Policy Advisor** **United States Southern Command**

Jim Nealon assumed duties as Civilian Deputy to the Commander and Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, FL, in September 2013. As Civilian Deputy to the Commander, he is primarily responsible for overseeing the development and ongoing refinement of USSOUTHCOM regional strategy as well as the Command's strategic communications, public affairs and human rights activities. He also plays a key role in interagency and business engagement. As Foreign Policy Advisor, he advises the Commander and other principals on U.S. foreign policy issues linked to the region and supports the Command's relationship with the Department of State and U.S. Embassies abroad.



Mr. Nealon came to SOUTHCOM after serving as Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada (2010-2013). His other assignments include serving as Deputy Chief of Mission in Lima, Peru (2007-2010); Charge d'Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission in Montevideo, Uruguay (2005-2007); Counselor for Public Affairs at the Embassies in Madrid, Spain and Budapest, Hungary; Press Attaché at the Embassies in Manila, Philippines and Budapest; Cultural Attaché in Montevideo, Uruguay; and Assistant Press Attaché in Santiago, Chile. Mr. Nealon also served at the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Human Resources in Washington, DC.

Mr. Nealon is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister-Counselor. He has been awarded the State Department's Superior Honor Award as well as numerous senior performance awards.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Nealon holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Brown University and completed additional graduate work in history at Boston College. Prior to joining the Foreign Service in 1984, he was a high school history teacher and athletics coach. He speaks Hungarian and Spanish.

Mr. Nealon and his wife Kristin, a teacher of English as a Second Language, have four grown children.

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